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Long-time labor negotiator Dillon retires from Fairfield

Fairfield, California (Thursday, September 20, 2012)—The City of Fairfield announced today that Administrative Services Director Barbara Dillon will retire her post in December after 15 years with the City.

Dillon has been the labor negotiator representing the City since her arrival in 1997. She helped the City accomplish its first long-term labor agreements in the early 2000s, scaled back to three-year agreements with all six bargaining groups in 2008, and then worked diligently with all the groups to negotiate mid-contract concessions to help address the City's structural deficit.

Dillon is credited with establishing the City's Leadership Academy, which was inaugurated earlier this year. "Barbara answered my concern of providing meaningful training for our mid-level managers in tough times," said City Manager Sean Quinn. "She has served the City well, and is doing a great job delivering both leadership training and core skills through the fine curriculum and ad hoc faculty she's assembled for this academy."

Over the years in Fairfield, Dillon has enjoyed the tremendous support of excellent colleagues and staff. "I feel fortunate to have been part of the team in Fairfield – every accomplishment that we've had, we experienced as a team," shared Dillon. "Whether we were negotiating for employees to share in covering pension costs, hammering out ways to operate a department more efficiently, or serving lunch for Employee Appreciation Day, we did it as a team, and I will always remember that."

When asked what she will be doing in retirement, Dillon softly replied, "Well, I don't want to lose touch with the industry – so I'll seek out ways to remain relevant and current, and I think I'll take some time to enjoy my artistic interests and work on my golf game."

Dillon and her husband, Craig, plan to remain in Fairfield, taking trips to visit family and explore new locations.

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